

Missouri Department of Agriculture/RHSOC Partnership

Joint Agro-Terrorism
Preparedness Effort
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Joint Effort

MDA has started several programs to help prepare the state for such an event as an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease. To date, funding has been very limited. The 2006 grant funding has been very generous and will allow us as a team to achieve some important milestones for our state.

Current Efforts

- Plan Development – Ongoing (Animal, Crop, and Food Safety)
- Trained personnel – MDA employees have received training in NIMS/ICS, as have other agencies
- Equipment Procurement – Minimal emergency response equipment in place around the state
- Trained Veterinarians – 10 FADD's available, but more needed

Current Efforts (Con't)

- County Level Agro-Terrorism Training – Very successful, 50%+ complete
- Volunteer Veterinary Corps – Concept developed, Missouri Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) signed on to help administer
- Cooperative effort with USDA and the Multi-State Partnership for Security in Agriculture to improve preparedness, message mapping, hazardous communication training, vulnerability assessments, etc.

What can we do?

- Continue and expand training to producer groups on a regional basis
- Develop Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMATS) in each region
- Develop an equipment package for each region that is useable for more than just Agriculture events such as floods, earthquakes, storms. (DECON, VMAT Emergency Response Trailers, etc.)
- Develop cooperative agreements with industry for assistance with response. (i.e. construction firms, farm supply companies, CO-OP's)

What can we do (Con't)

- Conduct regional exercises to test our plans, people and equipment
- Assist each region with procurement of PPE which could be used in multiple emergencies (Use USDA's Guidance)
- Establish a resource pool data base in each region for Agriculture specific needs, (i.e. Air-curtain burner contractors, heavy equipment, etc.)

What we can do (Con't)

- Develop plans for housing, feeding, and watering animals in-transit during a stop movement order. (Locations)
- Develop carcass disposal plans (Locations and equipment)
- Initiate an extensive Bio-Security awareness program for the Agriculture community.

What will it cost?

- Current efforts:

- Training – To finish the county level training – (+/-) \$200K (For all of Missouri)

- Producer Training – (+/-) - \$170K (For all of Missouri)

- Volunteer Vet Corps - \$72K (Estimate for initial investment) \$25K (Estimate) per year to maintain

New Program Ideas

- What will these cost –

Equipment packages – This cost will be driven by our cooperative effort to buy equipment that is useable for multiple emergencies. Can include PPE.

Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams – (+/-) \$10,000 per region for animal specific equipment and veterinary NIMS/ICS training

New Program Ideas (Con't)

Exercise development and execution – Would like to contract and build specific scenario for each region. Estimated \$25K per region.

Bio-Security Awareness Program – Signage, flyers, ad campaign, etc. Estimated cost – Can be as much or as little as we want

New Territory

In my 2 years with MDA we have had about \$400K total to spend on this program. There has been no general revenue dedicated to the program that I know of. We have accomplished much without much. With the success we have had this grant cycle, we need your help in making sure we get the best for the citizens of Missouri. Please send me your ideas!

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